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The Hon. Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
Secretary of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The National Council of Jewish Women shares with yo and most Americans a deep commitment to peace and stabil in the Middle East. We also know that you understand ho important it is for the U.S. Government to remain commit to Israel's security because that country has been a consistently reliable, stable, loyal and therefore, mutu strategic ally of the United States in the Middle East.

We, like many persons, are appalled at the willingnes of the world to distort the truth by condemning Israel for its decisive action against Iraq's nuclear installation, which, apparently was secretly developed for other than peaceful uses. Why should we or Israel be forced to act on information to which we (and Israel itself) had access?

Once before, in 1973, Israel, out of considerations for United States and "world opinion" did not use its excellent intelligence information to protect itself with a preemptive strike. The result was the Yom Kippur War which saw a terrible loss of life and almost the destru of Israel itself. May not this act ultimately serve th need to end, once and for all, the proliferation of nuc nuclear capabilities throughout the world?

It is imperative that the U.S. continue its unwave commitment to Israel and its right to peacefully coexis as a Jewish state in the Middle East among its neighbo We urge the U.S. not to halt in any way its military a and economic assistance to Israel. In addition, we ur you to ensure that any measures the U.S. takes in the concerning the Middle East in no way further isolates or hurts Israel's strategic position.

Sincerely,

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